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Speech pits Baker against Clark

There is a lot more at stake for the administration than just the 55 advisers in El Salvador when Ronald Reagan goes on television tomorrow night to plead for support of his Central American policy. It could determine who will be running our country from now on — Jim Baker, the current man in charge, or national security adviser Bill Clark, whose policies Reagan will be advocating in tomorrow's speech.

Since Baker has developed a habit of opposing Clark on just about everything, forces loyal to the chief of staff are now required to question the wisdom of the Reagan address. According to one congressional Republican, Baker is telling his aides not to gin up the usual support for the speech, hoping that as the president's words die a quiet death, so, too, will Clark's powers of influence.

For his part, Clark already has former Sen. Dick Stone out drumming up support for the administration's policy on Capitol Hill. Pro-Reagan forces in the White House are banking heavily on a favorable public response and worry that Baker will succeed in removing the tough rhetoric needed to produce the desired result.

Opposition to Clark's Latin policy is surfacing from some surprising sources — Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Enders, for one. On the Georgetown party circuit, he's been describing himself to Democrats as their man in the State Department. "I keep the Reaganites honest," he was heard to say. Even the CIA's John MacMahon encourages friends to lobby Congress against "wasting" dollars in Central America.

Meanwhile, Sen. Chris Dodd has been doing some lobbying of his own. He wants a closed-door Senate session to discuss Central America, and he wants it before Reagan delivers his speech tomorrow night. The real purpose of a closed-door session is to put an official light on everything that leaks out (usually within six hours).

So, Dodd's goal is to frame the issue on his own terms in advance of the Reagan address.

It puts Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker on the spot. If he grants Dodd's request, it will be interpreted as strengthening Jim Baker's hand.

Guerrilla warfare in Central America is nothing compared to what is going on right here in our own backyard.

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Delegation to escort victims' bodies home

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President Reagan yesterday named a delegation to accompany home the bodies of Americans killed in the U.S. Embassy bombing in Beirut. He also ordered flags on government buildings flown at half staff "as a mark of respect" for those killed.

The president designated Undersecretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger to head the group of government and military officials leaving Washington today. Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said the group may return this weekend and will be met at Andrews Air Force Base by Reagan.

In a telephone call to Beirut, the president was quoted as telling Ambassador Robert Dillon, "This tragedy, however awful, must not distract us from our search for peace in Lebanon and elsewhere. Please let everyone know we will

never give in to this cowardly type of incident."

Sources in the Middle East said nine Americans are confirmed dead in the Monday bombing, with six listed as missing. Among the dead was Robert Clayton Ames, 49, the CIA's top Middle East analyst. Ames was a longtime resident of Reston and the father of six children. Neighbors yesterday called the Ames family "a quiet family."

Although it is rare for the CIA to identify any of its overseas personnel, the State Department released Ames' name at the agency's request. Ames had been "traveling in the Middle East for orientation and consultation" when he died, CIA spokesman Dale Peterson said.

Three other Virginians killed were Army Staff Sgt. Ben Maxwell of Appomattox, Marine Cpl. Robert V. McMaugh of Manassas and Wil-

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Marine stationed in the Beirut area.

Others in the group are: Agency for International Development Administrator Peter McPherson, Deputy CIA Director John McMahon, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs Nicholas Veliotis, U.S. Information Agency Counselor John Shirley, Army Lt. Gen. Donald Babers, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Noel Koch, Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Bernard Trainor and Howard Teicher, senior staff member of the National Security Council.



The State Department released these photos of its Beirut embassy employees among the missing and presumed dead in Monday's bombing. From left, top row: Phylliss Faraci, administrative specialist; Kenneth Haas, political officer; and James Lewis, political/military officer. Bottom row: William Sheil, civilian army employee; Deborah Hixon, foreign affairs analyst; and Frank Johnston, economic officer. Home towns weren't given at the families' request.